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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Sugiyama, et al.

Docket No.: 30598.0004

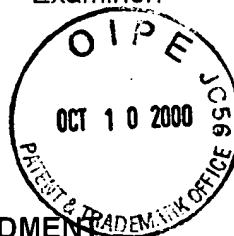
Serial No.: 08/960,431

Art Unit: 3723

Filed: October 10, 1997

Examiner: Nguyen, G.

FOR: FLATTENING METHOD AND  
FLATTENING APPARATUS  
OF A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE



**AMENDMENT**

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Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2000, the period of response for which is hereby extended by one-month to Friday, October 6, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Thrice Amended) A flattening method of a semiconductor device by a chemical-mechanical polishing process comprising,

preparing a synthetic resin polishing cloth in a circular form and a tool for forming a surface layer of the synthetic resin polishing cloth to have fluff thereon in a polishing process, said tool having an annular shape with a diameter less than a radial length of the polishing cloth, and

rotating the polishing cloth along a central axis thereof and pressing the tool on a radial portion of the polishing cloth, said tool being moved along [a radial direction of] the polishing cloth [and

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached herewith is a Response to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2000 in the above-identified application.

**FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED:**

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	21	minus	21	=	0	x \$ 18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	4	=	0	x \$ 78.00 =	0.00
If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (per application)						\$260.00 +	N/A
						<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Fee Calculation: Request for Extension of Time pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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		<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$110.00

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Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98

N/A


**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE ENCLOSED**      \$ 110.00

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**This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any **deficiency** in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (**deficiency only**) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-2814 for **which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.**

Respectfully submitted,

By   
R. Lee Fraley  
Reg. No. 42,550

Dated October 6, 2000

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